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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

CHRISTENSEN ET AL.

Examiner

Jinsong Hu

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f):
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.
2. The DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131 filed on 11/16/06 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the Sears reference.

The DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131 attempts to show actual reduction to practice of the invention prior to the effective date of the reference 8/30/2000.

When reviewing a 37 CFR 1.131 affidavit or declaration, the examiner must consider all of the evidence presented in its entirety, including the affidavits or declarations and all accompanying exhibits, records and "notes." However, in the affidavits the applicant recited "Cool ICE Revision 2.1 was completed and first placed on commercial sale on 04/04/00" which is a mere allegation. Actual reduction of practice is determined through analysis of facts and evidence, which have not been provided. The applicant also must give a clear explanation of the exhibits (which have not been submitted with this Declaration) pointing out exactly what facts are established and relied on by the applicants. The statement which recited in paragraph 4 and 5 are general allegation that the invention was completed prior to the date of the reference 8/30/2000 without a presentation of facts demonstrating the correctness of this conclusion, is insufficient to satisfy 37 CFR 1.131.

There is not enough evidence to clearly prove the relationships between "Cool ICE Revision 2.1" and the claims. Therefore, no reduction to practice has been shown and applicant has failed to establish prior invention. Applicant's arguments of the Declaration filed on 11/16/06 under 37 CFR 1.131 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive, and the Sears is still a qualified prior art reference.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 5, 10, 15 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. Applicant fails to list full name of MAPPER.

Corrections are required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sears et al. (US 2002/0026507) in view of Duursma et al. (US 6,643,690).

7. As per claims 1-3, Sears teaches the invention as claimed including a data processing system having a user terminal for accessing a selected one of plurality of applications coupled to a data base management system having a data base responsively coupled to said user terminal via a publicly accessible digital data communication network [Fig. 2], the system comprising a user interface module coupled to said user terminal via said publicly accessible digital data communication network [72, Fig. 2; pars. 75 & 77-78] and communicates with said application via said data base management system [pars. 98-99].

Sear does not specifically teach the service module located within the database of the data base management system. However, Duursma on the other hand teaches the service module located within the database of the data base management system [coll. 2, lines 21-26; col. 3, lines 20-32]. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify aaa's system with Duursma's service module because doing so would improve the service quality by allowing the database management system easily transmit data to other database management systems [Duursma, col. 3, lines 33-40].

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8. As per claim 4, Sears teaches the selected one of said plurality of applications, said data base management system and said user interface module are resident within a single server [pars. 86, 92 & 94].

9. As per claims 6-9, since they are apparatus claims of claims 1-4, they are rejected for the same basis as claims 1-4 above.

10. As per claims 11-14, since they are method claims of claims 1-4, they are rejected for the same basis as claims 1-4 above.

11. As per claims 16-18, since they are means plus function claims of claims 1-4, they are rejected for the same basis as claims 1-4 above.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

12. Claims 5, 10, 15 and 19-20 have not been rejected under art.

***Conclusion***

13. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

14. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinsong Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

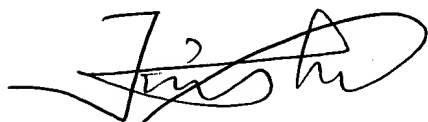
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Jinsong Hu

March 5, 2007